



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: April 1, 2010

Present: Glover, Gordon, Marquez, Rice, Schaaf, Smith
Absent: Guido, Marshall
City Staff: Aaron Klemm
Commission: Barbara Delgleize
Liaison: None
Public: Tom White
Guests: None

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for the March 4, 2010 meeting.

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Informational Items:

Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter, Orange County Global Warming Committee (OCGWC); Joe Reid and Helen Wilson, Environmental Programs Survey Results: City of Huntington Beach and the other 33 cities in Orange County

In the third quarter 2009, the OCGWC conducted an energy and water efficiency survey of the 34 Orange County cities as well as the County itself. The purpose of the survey was to collect and report the actions and efforts by Orange County cities to reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. Of the 35 jurisdictions, 28 completed and returned survey forms (80% response rate). The survey is particularly important as there is no other means to know what is being done in Orange County. The survey shows that the City of Huntington Beach is a leader in energy conservation and alternate energy utilization, is progressing in all of the eight categories covered by the survey, and is ahead of most cities in many of the categories. Huntington Beach is the only city generating alternate energy (4%) for itself, is one of the 27 percent of cities that have signed the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, has replaced all of its lighting fixtures with low energy light bulbs, converted all its traffic lights to LED, and is part of a multi-city feasibility study for development of a 2.5 MW solar project. The OCGWC Report contained two recommendations for the City in the area of alternative energy: 1) to increase its use of

alternative energy for city vehicles, and 2) to continue to identify which city facilities can be converted to renewable energy.

Action: Bob Smith will formally submit the report to City Council.

VI. Action Items:

A. Prepare Goals 2010-2011 document for Council Study Session

Although goals have been approved, this item is still on the agenda as a result of the SCE \$4.6M RFP. If awarded, this RFP will be the road map for the next 2 years. It overlays the EB's goals of implementing an Environmental Purchasing Policy and a Reinvestment Policy. It translates into getting the support to give the EB a bigger profile in what we're trying to do rather than dip into the General Fund.

Action: Bob to schedule meeting with City Staff, Debra Dubinsky and others to discuss EPP.

B. Green Energy Committee (Smith, Gordon, Marshall)

- \$4.6M SCE regional RFP - The SCE RFP will be passed or not. If it doesn't pass it still gives us information to use for the future.
- Implementing Budget Neutral energy funding Policy – No discussion.
- Implementing HB's Environmentally Preferred Purchasing (EPP) Policy Schedule and Outline –EPP will be on the Council's agenda for 4/5/10. There is a short staff report to change the municipal code per the EB's support recommendation. The EB will work with City Staff to develop a Best Practices Guide (see Agenda Action Item A).

C. Solar (Schaaf/Guido/Glover)

- Measure C wording and Charter Revision Committee – No discussion
- Municipal Solar Project: Design & Funding – Gantt chart schedule pending – Gantt chart received but was too detailed to be of use. It displayed the status of over 120 different projects. Aaron remarked that the solar project design was 20% complete. He met with Planning twice as well as staff and provided comments. We are on track to hit the upper end of the range (15 acres) with 3 megawatts of solar generated.
- Sharp outreach & OC Sunergy (AB 811) – No discussion.

D. Communications (Glover/Rice/Marquez/Smith)

- Re-launch HB Hometown solar rebate in April to coincide with OC Sunergy – No activity.
- Marketing, Education & Outreach – SCE; Board's tri-fold brochure – Bo passed out the draft Environmental Board tri-fold brochure. The Board members agreed that it was a great revision. The images in the background of the brochure were not clear and Sue Gordon made a suggestion to obtain better images.

Action: Sue Gordon to contact Rainbow's graphic designer to inquire about stock images for tri-fold brochure.

E. Environmental Awards (Marshall/Marquez/Guido)

Announcement of application period, evaluation & award period – Applications update - Since two members of the committee were not present (Guido and Marshall) to discuss their scoring, Bob Smith suggested that the Executive Committee rapidly convene a conference call to discuss the scores and make a decision on the awardees. A motion was made and approved to authorize the Executive Committee to receive and act upon the advice of the Environmental Awards Committee.

Action: Bob Smith to coordinate a conference call with Executive Committee to discuss scores and approve awardees.

VI. Administrative Items

- A. Creation of a user guide to Environmental Board for new members – Bob Smith announced that the vacant Board position (Mootchnik) has been advertised. However, appointments will be filled by the Council Liaisons hopefully in April. The user guide will be based on the EB's new tri-fold brochure.
- B. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements – Bob Smith mentioned the full day conference on 4/14 held at SCE Energy Center. Aaron will be there presenting USGBC retro-commissioning project. Bob also asked if anyone knew the status of Magnolia Marsh. Sue Marquez answered that it has been mitigated and it will open up soon. She suggested it may be good for a future EB presentation. Sue Marquez had several announcements: effective April 22, California has \$35M for rebates for purchasing energy efficient appliances; CEC deadline for solar rebates is Dec. 2010 but reviewing applications may be delayed up to 3 years; there was an article in the Independent on permaculture gardening. Mike
- C. Requests to Place Items on the Next 3 Agendas – Don Rice requested that the EB have a person speak about NPDES, however, that topic will be addressed by the June speaker. Sue Marquez suggested having someone speak about the Magnolia Marsh Restoration Project.
- D. Requests to Place Items on the Next 3 Agendas (May, June, July) 2010
 - May 6th– OC Bike Coalition – Pete Van Nuys, Bike Advisory Committee
 - June 3rd – Water Systems (Surfrider Foundation) Integrated Water Management Systems <http://www.knowyourh2o.org/>
 - July 1st- Water and Energy Innovations – Jim Jones, HB Smart Irrigation

VII. Good and Welfare

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on May 6, 2010.